

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasunori INOUE et al.

Serial No.: 09/228,148

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Group Art Unit: 2823

Examiner: K. Eaton

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING AN INSULATION FILM ON A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 27, 2000

Sir:

In the Official Action dated July 5, 2000, the Examiner requires restriction between
the following groups of claims:

Group (I), claims 1-8 drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group (II), claims 9-18 drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

It is noted, however, that claims 1-8 had been canceled when the application was filed
(see Item 17(b) of the application transmittal letter). Thus, only claims 9-18 are pending.

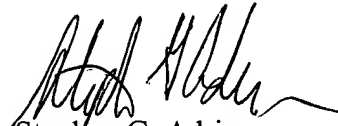
However, in order to be fully responsive, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 9-
18, for examination.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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